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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 6, 2004

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this response, with a request for continued examination, to the final rejection mailed October 6, 2004. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection, and allowance of the claims pending in this application, in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.